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EDITORIALS

JOHN FLANNAGAN

John W. Flannagan will not seek re-election to Congress this year, from Virginia's "Fighting Ninth" District. That is to be regretted, for he has been an outstanding Congressman, and has been claimed by many to be the greatest Virginia friend of the farmer of his generation. As chairman of the vital Agriculuture Committee during Democratic control of the House, and as ranking minority member at this session, he has been a powerful tower of strength for the welfare of agriculture. The farmers are losing an able advocate, and Virginia is losing one of its ablest Congressmen.

PARTY PLATFORMS

In the present Republican Convention and the approaching Democratic Convention, the handlers of words will present us with high-sounding party platforms. But we suggest that you don't get excited over what they promise. Platforms are devices to entice votes. In actual performance, the candidates make the platforms, and enactors of legislation vote their individual convictions.

Few things are deader than a party platform the day after the election.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

WHY AMERICA IS STRONG

From Winchester Star

In a world in which only strength can preserve freedom, it should never be forgotten why America is strong. Its strength is not in gigantic armies, navies and air forces. It is in the fact that its industrial plants, operated by free men with an incentive to produce, exceed the capacity of any other country to create gigantic military forces when they are needed.

In this connection the Wall Street Journal has this to say:

"Troops, guns, and even skill at tactics, do not guarantee victory. Were this not so the face of the world would be quite different. Hannibal chased Roman generals over half of Italy for seven years. Napoleon outfought all his opponents, even Wellington, and turned Europe into a vast war machine. Students of Civil War tactics study Lee and Stonewall Jackson, not the Union generals.

"Yet Carthage was salted into the earth, the Napoleonic empire crumbled and the Confederacy went with the wind. Staying power, born of economic strength, won the wars if not the battles."

This is a good thing to keep in mind while following arguments about the type and scope of military preparedness. So long as this nation maintains its productivity it is strong, even though possible rivals outnumber it statistically in front-line troops. A nation is weak militarily only when a potential enemy is stronger on the industrial front.

COURAGEOUS VANDENBERG

Eastern Shore News

For many years the tariff policy of the United States was settled in Congress where group interests got together to put over a log-rolling process that took care of all concerned, except the consumer.

In 1934, under President Roosevelt and on the initiative of Cordell Hull, then Secretary of State, the matter of tariff making was turned over to the President through the enactment of the Reciprocal Trade Acts. This barred "pork barrell" legislation and represented, within certain limits, a self-abdication on the part of Congress.

In the five times that the treaty program has been before Congress the Republicans, with the single exception of the war years, voted against the act. Recently, it was extended for a year but with an emendment which, it was generally agreed, seeks to return tariff making to the legislative branch.

Into this scene comes Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan, often termed a prospect for the Republican nomination, to assert that "the reciprocal trade agreement principle should be preserved unweakened" because "it is indispensable in today's world." By so saying the Michigan Senator parted company with a majority within his own party.

It requires considerable courage for a man holding public office to take a bold stand on any controversial issue. It requires a maximum quantity when the Congressman does not hesitate to oppose the course of his own party leaders. Senator Vandenbe y seems to have what it takes. We happen to approve his position, but approve it or not, one can pay tribute to his intellectual honesty and political courage. They are attributes that are badly needed in connection with legislation.

U. S. army halts supply trains into Berlin to avoid undergoing Soviet inspection.

SHORTAGE OF FAMILY DOCTORS

Council Bluffs (Ia.) Nonpareil

A prominent physicians warns that unless the medical profession takes steps to meet the need for more family doctors, the politicians who promise free medical care to everyone will find plenty of followers, and get their program enacted into law. He expressed great concern over the "alarming trend to specialism and away from general practice."

The medical profession, and particularly the country medical societies, would do well to heed this warning. Many smaller communities are without physicians and it is growing more and more difficult to persuade doctors to locate in small towns.

Yet the people in these communities have great influence with state legislatures, and even with congress. They are quite likely to look with increasing favor on national and state medical plans if they cannot get physicians to serve their communities.

Rift in Georgia delegation highlights GOP convention.

General Howell, 102 year old Confederate veteran dies in Bristol.

Virginia Lions Clubs to have convention in Roanoke.

Uncle Sam Says

As you drive along the country roads you will see one of America's most familiar scenes—farmers pitching hay. From this scene has come a phrase you have used many, many times—making hay while the sun shines. Well, niece and nephew, that's exactly what you are doing when you stack up United States Savings Bonds. You're making plenty of future security when the going is good, when a few extra dollars has been added to your take-home pay through the new income tax law . . . and when you should be acting for your future security.

U. S. Treasury Department

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Dr. Newton

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Congress fails to make loan for United Nations' home.

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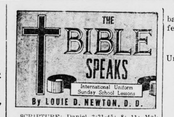
Draft bill enacted.

Congress may be called back in to session this year.



SCRIPTURE: Daniel 2:31-45; 5; 11; Malachi 3:1-5; 4; Luke 1:67-79; 2:25-33; John 1:19-23.

DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 120-1-8

From Malachi To Christ

Lesson for June 27, 1948

THE interbiblical period, covering approximately four centuries, is one of the great silences of history, save as the prophecies of God offer flickering light upon the winding paths in western Asia, northern Africa and southern Europe. A remnant of Jews resided in Jerusalem, whilst many others were dispersed about the face of the earth. The Old Testament was translated into Greek—the version used in the time of Christ. The Talmud and the 14 books of the Apocrypha were written. The synagogue arose. The schools of Hillel and Shammai were founded and flourished. The sects of the Pharisees and Sadducees originated. Buddha, Confucius and Zoroaster were beginning to influence life in the Far East, while in the Near East Zeno and Epicurus dominated philosophical thought. The Caesars ruled the Mediterranean world.

To understand something of this period from Malachi to Christ, we are asked to read the Scripture passages listed above.

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BEFORE JESUS CAME

"BEHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way for me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come in his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts."

Did they fully understand the significance of these great words of Malachi? Hardly may we expect that they did, but they got their basis of hope, about which we studied last Sunday. Imagine the faces of the little children in the long ago as they heard of the coming Messenger!

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THE COMING CHRIST

LOOK carefully at the above Scriptures and see how both the Old and New Testaments center upon Christ. These great phrases are suggested:

The promised Christ, the expected Christ, the heralding Christ, the presented Christ, the enlightening Christ, the judging Christ, the merciful Christ, the redeeming Christ, the restoring Christ, the guiding Christ.

Space does not permit the citations, but a study of the passages will reveal each of these gifts and blessings in the coming Christ.

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BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

DIMLY only do we envision that period of four centuries, but we have sufficient light to trace the steps by which the faithful amongst the Jews were cleansing themselves of idolatry as the fires of God purged away the dross of paganism and secularism. One will find rich reward in the reading of the Apocrypha and Josephus. Also, one will find in the opening chapters of the New Testament light which falls back upon those dark ages.

There were synagogue schools, taught, in many instances by very able men, such as Hillel. There was a groping toward the light. Men were hungry for the fulfilment of prophecy. It was the darkness just before the dawn.

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THE LIGHT BREAKS

"BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people." Luke 1:68. Thus does the golden text for Sunday's lesson flash upon the waiting heart of expectant humanity the Good News.

The fulness of God's time had come. Jesus was born. Peace had come to men of good will. James Montgomery puts the Good News in these lovely lines:

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth,
Ye, who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

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Preacher's Task

No religious doctrine has any redemptive power until it is translated into the terms of a specific situation or an actual problem. It becomes the task of the Christian preacher in this generation to do the translating. The question, "What would Jesus do?" is always with him.

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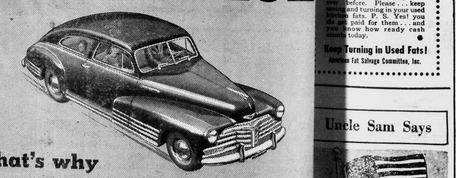

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U. S. Treasury Department

Ford offers wage boost to employees.

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LABOR - SAVING IMPLEMENTS ADVISED

Use of a rotary hoe, spike-tooth harrow or a weeder for the first corn cultivation is advised as labor-saving practice by the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service.

The advice came from H.L. Dunton, acting head of the agronomy department, who said the cultivation should be made when the corn is three to four inches high.

Use of either implement will not only save labor, but will kill weeds in an early stage of growth and make it easier to keep the field weed-free the rest of the season, Dunton said.

For later cultivations, the agronomist warned that farmers should be careful to cultivate shallow and level. Many fields, he said, are ruined by deep cultivation which injures roots after they have matured across the rows.

Deep cultivation will cut feeder roots and thus keep the plant from getting needed moisture and food, he said.

GOP puts civil rights plank in party platform.

The LETTER BOX

Evergreen, Va.
June 14, 1948.

Editor, Times-Virginian
Dear Sir:

We feel that we must commend the young man, James Hall, for writing such a fine letter as we read in your paper last week.

Those who oppose such a stand temperately should feel deeply interested after reading this message. They should review their lives and influence and ask themselves the question, "what am I doing for humanity?"

If the public at large could sense the need of holding up high ideals of citizenship, as conscientious others do, I'm sure the leading citizens of the county would have acted differently.

Are we older people, the law-abiding body of the county, going to stand back and not even accept the right ideals when offered by the younger folks?

—Teachers of Evergreen School

Stonewall

Stonewall, June 21.. Rev. W. M. Black, of Pamplin preached a fine sermon at the Stonewall Church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thomas and children have returned home after spending a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

Betsy Wheeler and Mildred Morgan are attending Y. W. A. camp at Ridgecrest,from Hebron Baptist Church.

P. B. Stratton, who has been on the sick list, is much improved and has returned to his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Orange Burnette, of W. Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette. Aubrey Burnette and Joe Burnette and family also visited in this same home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Harding, of Norfolk spent the week-end with his sister, Miss Verna Harding.

Mrs. H. B. Jennings, Sr., of Florida is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings.

We all want to extend to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Caldwell and children our deepest sympathy in the loss of a loved one.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carson and Lee Carter visited Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hamilton last Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Wheeler visited relatives in Lynchburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler, at Rustburg.

Mrs. Anna Lee spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

The Bible School of the Methodist Churches will begin at Trinity Church today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard had as their guests on Sunday, J. C. Beard, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson, and son, Julian; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick, Herman and George Beard, and the Rev. G. E. Hughes.

CERTIFIED SEED OUTLOOK AVAILABLE

Farmers who stick to the recommended varieties are assured of a reasonable supply of certified small grain seed for next year's plantings, reported Edward Skulkcum, assistant agronomist, Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station.

Skulkcum, the station small grains breeder, said several new varieties, including Virginia's new Vahart wheat, have been developed recently, and the swing is definitely toward production of these improved varieties.

Figures from the Virginia Crop Improvement Association show that at least 50 per cent of the wheat grown for certification this year is of recommended varieties.

CLUB OFFICIALS SEARCH FOR 4-H ACTRESS

A nation-wide search for a 4-H Club girl to be featured in The Green Promise, forthcoming picture of a farm family's struggle for success, has been announced by Miss Hallie Hughes, Blacksburg State Club Girl's Agent.

Miss Hughes explained that Virginia was one of 12 states named eligible for entrants.

Any Virginia 4-H girl under 13 years of age, who is now regularly enrolled in a 4-H Club, may try for the part in the movie, Miss Hughes said. All that is required to enter is a clear snapshot or a photograph of the girl, properly identified, and accompanied by an entry blank, submitted to Miss Hughes.

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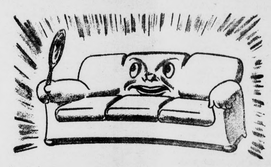

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